

## REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending and stand rejected in the present office action. This response amends claims 1, 4, 5, 9, and 20-22, cancels claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 14-19, 23, and 24, and adds new claims 25-31.

### Specification amendment

The specification has been amended slightly to correct a typographical error. The description in the specification at page 6 inadvertently referred to Figure 2 when describing Figure 3, and vice versa. The specification amendment corrects this error, changing "Figure 2" to read "Figure 3," and vice versa on page 6.

### Rejections under 35 USC § 102(b)

The office action rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, and 13 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,652,251 to Molinar. Without conceding the basis for the rejection, claim 1 has now been amended in a manner that more clearly is novel and not obvious in view of Molinar. In particular, claim 1 now requires a graphic design depicting club path indicators and a swing reference guide configured with a link associating the shot selection types with the club path indicators. More particular preferred versions of the link between the two graphics are provided in dependent claims 25-27, which variously recite the use of insignia, letters, and colors to link the two graphic elements. This linking aspect is not disclosed by Molinar, nor did the applicant find it in any of the cited references. The link vastly improves the efficiency of the training device, allowing golfers to readily select a shot type and determine which club path will achieve that shot type. Accordingly, claim 1 and each of the claims depending from it are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

### Rejections under 35 USC § 103

The office action further rejected claim 2 under Section 103(a) as being obvious in view of Molinar, Florian (US Patent No. 6,156,396) and Laffer et al. (US Patent No. 5,954,592). Claim 2 has now been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.



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Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under Section 103(a) in view of Molinar and Gibbs (US Patent No. 1,484,390). Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 9 was rejected under Section 103(a) in view of Molinar, Beatty (US Patent No. 5,415,407), and Long (US Patent No. 5,273,285). The applicant disagrees that either Beatty or Long teach the use of an ultraviolet protective coating for a graphic design depicting golf teaching aids formed on high impact plastic. Long, for example, uses a coating on polyurethane foam while Beatty uses a coated tape. In any event, claim 9 now depends from claim 1, which should be allowable as amended. Consequently, claim 9 should also be allowable over the cited combination.

Claim 12 was rejected under Section 103(a) in view of the combination of Molinar and Manley (US Patent No. 2,707,638). Because claim 12 depends from allowable claim 1, claim 12 should also be in condition for allowance.

Claims 14-20 were rejected in view of the combination of Molinar, Gibbs, and Laffer. Claims 14-19 have been canceled, making the rejection moot as to those claims. Because claim 20 depends from allowable claim 1, claim 20 should also be in condition for allowance.

Claims 21-24 were rejected in view of the combination of Molinar, Gibbs, Laffer, and Florian. The applicant disagrees that any combination of the cited references discloses the features of these claims, including placing the graphic design on the bottom surface or laminating it to an inner surface of the template. While Florian mentions lamination, it is simply to join two materials together and not to do so to seal a graphic element between the laminated layers. As such, these claims are believed to be allowable. In addition, they depend from allowable claim 1, and therefore should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 23-24 directed to the method of using the template have now been canceled.

The applicant has also added new claims 25-31, all of which depend from claim 1 and should be allowable for that reason. In addition, the new claims add features not believed to be taught by any combination of the cited references. As discussed above, claims 25-27 relate to



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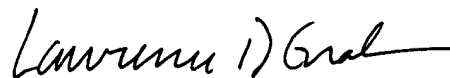
preferred embodiments of the system for linking the shot selection type to a club path indicator. Claim 28 requires an illustration of a ball flight path for each shot selection type. This can be a valuable visual reference, enabling ready shot selection for those who may not recall the ball flight path for the terms such as fade or draw. Claims 29-31 likewise add additional features that are not believed to be found in the prior art in the claimed combination.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as now amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 7-11 as follows:

The golf swing template 20 also includes a swing reference guide 26, best seen in FIGURE 3 ~~4~~. The swing reference guide 26 provides a tabular reference for shot selection 44, ball path selection 46, club path selection 48 and club face selection 50. The guide 26 is printed in large print and colors that correspond to the club path indicators 22 to assist in cross-referencing the ball's flight back to the club path 22 and club face angle 24.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 22-26 as follows:

The golf swing template also includes a foot and ball position guide 60, best seen in FIGURE 2 ~~3~~. The foot and ball position guide 60 provides a tabular reference for shot selection 62 and the corresponding foot and ball position 64 to accomplish the selected shot. The foot and ball position depiction 64 graphically illustrates the relative positions of the golfer's feet with respect to the ball and the target line.



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In the claims:

1. (Amended) A golf swing training device, comprising:  
a template, the template having a top and a bottom; and,  
a graphic design attached to the template, the graphic design depicting (i) a plurality of golf swing training club path indicators, (ii) a swing reference guide comprising a plurality of shot selection types, and (iii) a link between each one of the plurality of shot selection types and one of the club path indicators.
2. Canceled.
3. Canceled.
4. (Amended) The training device of Claim 31, wherein the club path indicators includes at least one of a primary club path, inside-out club path, outside-in club path or take away club path indicator.
5. (Amended) The training device of Claim 1, wherein the golf swing reference guide~~training indicators~~ further comprises a club face angle indicator associated with each of the shot selection types.
7. Canceled.
8. Canceled.
9. (Amended) The training device of Claim 1, wherein the template is constructed of impact resistant plastic is and coated with an ultraviolet protective layer.
14. Canceled.
15. Canceled.
16. Canceled.
17. Canceled.
18. Canceled.



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19. Canceled.
20. (Amended) The device of Claim 1 ~~14~~, wherein the graphic design is attached to a top surface of the template.
21. (Amended) The device of Claim 1 ~~14~~, wherein the graphic design is attached to a bottom surface of the template.
22. (Amended) The device of Claim 1 ~~14~~, wherein the graphic design is laminated within the template.
23. Canceled.
24. Canceled.
25. (New) The device of claim 5, wherein the link comprises a first insignia associated with at least one of the plurality of shot selection types and a corresponding insignia associated with at least one of the club path indicators.
26. (New) The device of claim 25, wherein the first insignia and corresponding insignia each comprise an alphanumeric character.
27. (New) The device of claim 5, wherein the link comprises the use of a plurality of colors, such that each of the club path indicators is formed in a color that is substantially the same as a color used for at least one shot selection type.
28. (New) The device of claim 27, wherein the graphic design depicting the plurality of shot selection types further comprises an illustration of a representative ball flight path for each of the plurality of shot selection types.
29. (New) The device of claim 28, further comprising a tee bore extending through the template and a generally longitudinal tee slot extending from the tee bore in a direction radially outward from the tee bore.
30. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein the graphic design further depicts a foot and ball position guide.



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31. (New) The device of claim 30, further comprising a club face angle guide, the club face angle guide comprising a plurality of hash marks extending radially outward from the tee bore.



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